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Assign	ee:	Sun Microsystems, Inc.						
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Transmittal letter (2 pages); and
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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RE: Applicant(s): Thorsten Laux

Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING A MERGING DRIVER

FOR ACCESSING MULTIPLE DATA SOURCES

Serial No.: 09/738,464 Filed: December 13, 2000

Examiner: Li B. Zhen Group Art Unit: 2194

Docket No.: P-4589

## Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Final Office Action dated January 24, 2006 in the above application:

- 1. Facsimile Coversheet (1 Page);
- This Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
- 3. Amendment under Rule 116 (15 pages).
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## AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and
  - 2. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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